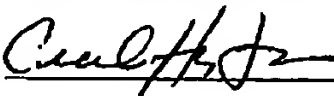


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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due May 24, 2004. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to August 24, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

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